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CITIZENS IN CONFERENCE.

Under the auspices and by invitation of the Eucleian Society of Bloomfield, a large number of citizens and some ladies assembled in their Hall on Monday evening for a conference as to the policy which the town should adopt respecting public improvements.

Mr. Fred. Crane, of the Eucleian, opened the discussion by reading a carefully prepared paper of considerable merit. Mr. G. T. Moore, also of the Eucleian, followed with certain facts and statistics of importance, which he had diligently collected from other towns, bearing on this subject.

Mr. C. J. Turner from West-end, disengaged for a brief time upon what he called his "pet scheme," to wit, that of annexing Newark to Bloomfield, which he thought, as we have no town government with authority and power, would be the cheapest way for us to get the much needed improvements.

Mr. Geo. W. Cook from Park Center dilated upon the discreditable condition of our Poor House, and he also went for annexation as the best way to get improvements.

Mr. Robert Peele from West end rather coincided with the preceding speakers as to the probable advantages of annexation as there is no authority here now to enforce certain improvements that are both desirable and necessary.

Mr. J. Banks Reed, from West end replied to the complaint of a previous speaker about the Poor House and defended the council against any cruelty on that score as the inmates are really better fed than some of our citizens who take care of themselves. He also seemed rather disposed to succumb to the fascinating embraces of Newark which he supposed was our manifest destiny.

Mr. Frank Bliss from West end spoke on the Poor House question and seemed satisfied with what the town is doing for its poor. He was inclined to believe that sooner or later Newark would get us within her coils.

Macfarlane from Park Center agreed with the other speakers, and thought he should favor annexation.

Some other gentlemen made brief remarks. The value and importance of gas light in its influence upon the growth and prosperity of the town was allowed.

It was suggested that we want better accommodations of trains in the evening.

It was also deemed important that we have our town properly laid out, our Park improved, and a well-devised system of drainage established.

The free conversation was generally satisfactory and of favorable tendency. On motion it was resolved to hold another similar meeting to be called by the Eucleian Society, with intention as we understand of further and chiefly discussing annexation.

Having thus given an account of the proceedings at the conference, as orally reported to us, we being unable to attend ourselves, it remains for us to point out the fact that none of the citizens from Berkley Hill, Montgomery, Belleville Avenue, Morris neighborhood, and from Ridgewood, (though these localities include many of our solid men, sound in council and strong in action) were heard at the meeting. In judging of the probable influence of such a meeting upon public sentiment it is well to remember that this question was brought forward two years ago and received, as was thought, its quietus.

It is fair to presume that the gentlemen have forgotten the "set back" this annexation question received at that time. We do not believe that Bloomfield is any more inclined to consider the question favorably now than it was then. Where are all our old and honored citizens that have given so much to our town in years gone by? Do we find them shrinking from responsibility and desirous of putting themselves under guardianship? None of the good old names of Oakes, and Dodd and Morris and Baldwin and Davis and Crane and Benson and Moore and Ward and Gallagher and Farrand and Williamson and Osborne and other cherished household names are proposing to sell out their birth-right.

SAINTARY.—In another column, under the caption *Sanitary Information*, we have given an extract from the valuable address of Gen. Viele before the American Health Association, on drainage and sewerage in their relation to health. There is no more reliable authority on these subjects than this distinguished civil engineer. It cannot fail to awaken in the minds of our intelligent readers a deep interest in the subject and prepare them to enjoy another extract from the same address next week. There is probably no subject that surpasses this in immediate importance to our communities.

HEALTHWARD.—We have received a Report of the Health Commission of the State of New Jersey, for 1874. It was prepared, as we presume, by Dr. Ezra M. Hunt, of Metuchen, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. It is able and most forcibly written, and is invaluable as a source of information and a basis of legislation, on vital questions affecting every community and family in the State. We have sandwiched among our "Items of Interest" last week and this week, a score or more of important facts and sentiments which we have detached from this Report.

Interesting correspondence from Florida and from San Francisco, and other articles are unavoidably deferred until next week.

NEW JERSEYDOM.

One hundred and forty conversions are reported to the Clinton street church, Newark, this winter.

The employees in DeWitt's Wire Mill, Belleville, have given \$23.75 for Kansas and Nebraska.

The Catholic Diocese of Newark has sent \$588.65 to Paris for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Livingston charge, Newark Conference, is enjoying a revival. Eighteen joined the church January 3d. The pastor, J. A. Gutteridge, has been aided by students from the Drew Seminary.

A large lot has been given to the Methodist Mission Sunday-school of East Orange by Dr. Vail, for the purpose of a chapel.

A revival of great interest is in progress at St. Paul's church, Jersey City, D. R. Lewrie, pastor.

Dr. Ricardo, a homeopathic physician of Passaic was indicted for badly setting a boy's arm, and then trying to kill the boy by excessive doses of morphine to conceal his malpractice. The boy's parents recovered a verdict of \$5,000 against the doctor in a civil suit last Summer.

Ocean is the only county in the State that forwarded no prisoners to the State Prison during the past year.

The city fathers of Princeton have voted to discontinue the lighting of the street lamps in that borough until such time as the condition of its finances will warrant the expense. A debt of \$4,000 forced them to this measure. Fears are also entertained that the police force will have to be diminished with this. This is the only remaining item of expense.

The Hackettstown *Gazette*, in speaking of the Seminary of that place, says: "The latest decision of the Faculty is that any person found either chewing or smoking tobacco, shall be fined the sum of one dollar for the first offence, and five dollars for the second, which if not paid within seven days after judgment is pronounced, the offender shall be suspended."

THE STATE VALUATION OF TAXES.—Among the interesting items of State Comptroller Runyon's report are the returns of the valuation of property and the taxation of one and a half mills on the dollar for State purposes, and of two mills for school purposes. The valuation for 1873—\$612,796,106, and for 1874, was amounted to \$619,796,903, a net increase of \$6,201,797.

The Rev. Dr. McCloskey, the new professor at Princeton College, and late of Belfast, arrived a few days since and has received a cordial welcome from the faculty and students.

Great improvements are making at Ocean Grove in anticipation of the great gathering there next summer. The superintendent, Rev. H. B. Beegle, reports that the region is remarkably healthy, only twelve deaths have occurred among residents during four years within a radius of three miles.

A new sea-side summer and religious resort is being laid out after the manner of modern Methodist camp grounds, near Cape May, to be called Sea Grove, and to be controlled by Presbyterians.

THE TRENTON LUNATIC ASYLUM.—The officers and members of the State Lunatic Asylum report during the year \$185,175.66 paid out in expenses, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$60,113. Four hundred and one men and 430 women have been under treatment, of which 655 are now removed. Only six counties are represented by a number of patients below the age of 16 years, county having 98, which is 4 in excess of her quota. Of our 185 patients discharged during the year 63 were considered as recoveries, 85 as improved, 14 minor cases; 1 escaped; 1 not insane, and 32 died. Besides the regular medical treatment, a system of schools, concerts, lectures and various kinds of entertainments have been inaugurated.

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ELATED WITH HIS PROMOTION, proud of his new honor and conscious of his momentous responsibility the noble steed champed his bit and danced impatiently at the lead which restrained him. The efficient marshal in due time got the five sleds ready the leading one of course was appropriated to his own exclusive use. The others were each occupied by two of the sprightly youths from the Park House or its immediate neighborhood. From our point of observation we could not determine the character of the Marshal's banner. In fact there was but one that was intelligible to us at a distance, and that sled was occupied by two scions of noble blood.

At the sound of the trumpet or the crack of the whip the caravan started back and forth through Central Avenue and around the Park—the observatory of all observers—from windows, from piazza, from passing sleighs, the jubilant retinue was watched and cheered. Such a good time as these youngsters had, and Marshal Howel enjoyed it as much as any of them, did not end with the debarkation. It animated their conversation for days, feasted them in their night visions, and has given them something for pleasant memories at future halting places through life.

ELECTION OF U. S. SENATOR. BY THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY.

JOINT MEETING.

In response to the request sent by the House, the Senators headed by the President of the Senate, convened in the House.

Mr. Vanderbilt nominated as Chairman of the joint Meeting, Hon. John W. Taylor, President of the Senate, and he was elected.

Mr. Voorhees, the Secretary of the Senate, and Mr. Carpenter, Clerk of the House, were appointed respectively, Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

The roll was called and every member, except Mr. Teed, of Essex, answered to his name.

The Senate of the State and of the Assembly, relative to the action on the United States Senatorial resolution, where it appears that the two Houses, in their several sessions, had not elected the same person, that the joint Meeting proceeded to elect a United States Senator. Adopted.

The roll was called, and 49 persons voted for Theodore F. Randolph, and 31 persons for Geo. M. Robson, a strict party vote. (Mr. Teed absent.)

Mr. Randolph was declared duly elected, and the Secretary directed to inform the Governor of the action of the Joint Meeting.

The Joint Meeting rose.

The roll of the Assembly was called, and the House adjourned.

The following Bills are of interest to Essex County:

The supplement to act for the punishment of crimes provides that if any member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Township Committee, Board of Aldermen, Common Council, or any Board of Commissioners, shall be condemned in the construction of any bridge or building of any whatsoever, or any improvement whatever for the public use, or a party to the same, in furnishing materials, goods or supplies, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, as the Court may impose.

The supplement to the Essex Road Board gives power to reduce the width of any avenue, or any part thereof, by causing a road to be filled. Assessments to be released on a lien under certain conditions.

The most important bill introduced so far this session was submitted by Mr. Shear, of Jersey City. It is for the incorporation of the Staten Island and New Jersey Suspension Bridge Company. Among the incorporators named are Hon. Henry G. Stebbins, Wm. Butler Duncan, D. S. Gregory, Nehemiah Perry, Abram S. Hewitt, Chas. K. Hamilton, John A. Austin, and William H. Davidge. The company is to have a capital stock of \$1,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, and are to be empowered to construct a suspension bridge from New Brighton, Staten Island, to Constable Hook, in New Jersey. The bridge is to have an elevation of 128 feet above the water surface at low tide, and a span of 500 feet, so as to allow of the easy passage of craft. The House adjourned at 5 o'clock.

HOME MATTERS.

WEATHER CHRONICLE.

Range of Thermometer at Bloomfield Centre Jan. Feb.

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
21°	32°	20°	22°	19°	30°	20°

At 7 A.M. 27° 30° 33° 30° 24° 31° 43°

At Noon 27° 30° 33° 30° 24° 31° 43°

At 9 P.M. 33° 24° 25° 29° 17° 28° 45°

BLOOMFIELD.

THE CHURCHES.—There is manifestly a work of grace going on in our midst. The services are well attended. The prayer meetings are crowded. The pastors evince more of theunction of the Spirit, and the people are more attentive and more tender. A number of conversions are known to have taken place. May the blessed work continue and extend till it comprehends all the town and every home!

Mr. Peele is painting his new houses on Washington Ave., West end.

WESTMINSTER.—It being about five years since the organization of this church, a "wooden wedding" congratulatory entertainment was held on Wednesday evening, commemorating the inauguration of the happy union between the members and their pastor, Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D.

The present festival was made the occasion of inaugurating the *cuisine* attachment of the church parsonage which was recently furnished and fitted for its service by the free gift of the usual implements of such an establishment from the grateful parishioners.

SLEIGHING RIDE EXTRAORDINARY.—The residents on the Park the other day amused themselves and all the rest of Bloomfield by organizing a novel sleighing party consisting of the young folks of that locality. Under the admirable marshalship of the distinguished host of the Park House the retinue of sleds were arranged in tandem line each strongly attached to the preceding one and the head one to the swift and powerful gray Rosinants belonging to "mine host"—the marshal, aforesaid, which has done duty so many years and so faithfully in mail and baggage transportation for his master.

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